

**No. 24-1205**

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**In the United States Court of Appeals  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

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JOY G. FRANKLIN, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated

*Plaintiff - Appellee*

v.

DUKE UNIVERSITY; THE RETIREMENT BOARD FOR DUKE UNIVERSITY

*Defendants - Appellants*

and

JOHN/JANE DOES 1-10

*Defendants*

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On Appeal from the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina  
No. 1:23-cv-00833, The Honorable Catherine C. Eagles

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**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

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## **JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's Order of January 15, 2025, Plaintiff-Appellee Joy G. Franklin and Defendants-Appellants Duke University and the Retirement Board for Duke University (collectively, "the Parties"), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby provide the following joint report.

The Parties have finalized and fully executed the formal settlement agreement as of September 9, 2025. The Parties have also finalized the unopposed motion for preliminary approval of the class settlement, along with its accompanying exhibits, which Plaintiff-Appellee is prepared to file imminently in the District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina ("District Court"). The Parties intend to pursue an indicative ruling pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 12.1 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 62.1 on Plaintiff-Appellee's forthcoming unopposed motion for preliminary approval of the class settlement from the District Court.

To complete the settlement while conserving the resources of the Parties, the Court, and the District Court, the Parties respectfully seek a continuance of the current abeyance of these proceedings.

Pursuant to the Court's January 15 Order, the parties will file a further status report by October 10, 2025.

Dated: September 10, 2025

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